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<p>Attached for your information is a plan on [REDACTED] proposal on international aims issues. Dick Kerr has approved the plan and I will begin implementation shortly.</p>		
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27 February 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Richard J. Kerr
Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: Douglas J. MacEachin
Director of Soviet Analysis

SUBJECT: [] Proposal on International
Arms Issues

REFERENCES: (a) Memo to DCI dated 7 January 1985
(b) Memo to DCI dated 28 January 1985

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1. I have reviewed [] proposal on Directorate coverage of international arms issues. His memoranda (References a & b) make several good points about opportunities to improve our reporting on this important topic. Although I disagree with his recommendation to create an International Armaments Center, his overall concept has stimulated some thoughts on how we in the Directorate might improve our work. []

2. [] memoranda caused some confusion in the IPC staff and in DI offices about the scope and specific nature of his recommendation, but I understand from discussions that he is concerned not only about intelligence on Soviet arms issues but on arms issues world-wide. These run the full gamut of arms conception, design, development, purchase, trade, and transfer. [] is further concerned with how analysts in one office can benefit from knowledge of how analysts in another office or agency go about their work on these issues. []

3. [] acknowledged in his memo of 28 January, however, that he was unaware of the nature and depth of the Agency's work on non-Soviet aspects of this problem. Other offices, and OGI in particular, have begun to devote substantial effort to many aspects of arms issues of concern to him, as the 1985 research program (copy attached) shows. []

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5. These ideas have been discussed with [REDACTED], and I understand he considers such proposals as conforming to the spirit of his memoranda. With your approval, I will have [REDACTED] of the Defense Management Branch, Defense Industries Division, SOVA begin the implementation of these proposals.

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Douglas J. MacEachin

Attachment:
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Thanks - sounds reasonable

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Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

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NOTE FOR:

Defense Management Branch, SOVA/DI

VIA : Robert Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

Thank you for your suggestion for a broader, more effective approach to the problem of assessing Soviet weapons procurement practices. The follow-up data you provided was also most helpful. Your idea was intriguing enough to cause me to seek the views of the DI front office. The consensus is that your proposal has considerable merit, but that it should be given a broader airing both in the Agency and DoD before the specific means of implementation--such as the Center you propose--is decided upon.

The ADDI has already formulated some ideas for accomplishing the above, using your Branch as the focal point. I suggest that you discuss this with him at your earliest convenience, as I believe he is thinking in terms of having a detailed implementation plan available by mid-year.

Thanks again for your imaginative response to the DCI's call for creative problem solving, and good luck on following through on it.

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NOTE FOR: ADDI

Dick,

Thank you and [] for the very
competent staff work on the [] idea.
Rather than send Jerry's proposed response, I
drafted the attached, more general note and
sent it directly to [] It seems to me
the memo you proposed I or the DCI send to
[] is the basis for the next turn of the
wheel. Over to you. []

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15 January 1985

Executive Director

NOTE FOR: Richard Kerr
Chairman, IPC

SUBJECT: Creative Problem Solving

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Dick:

It occurs to me that the IPC staff might be the appropriate place to put together comments on [] proposed unified approach to analyzing arms procurement systems. Could it send a draft to me by 29 January?

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